

# AWSA EASTERN REGION MEETING

## Membership Meeting and Banquet 7/27/2018

Twin Lakes Water Ski Park in Monroe, NY.

### The Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by EVP Jim Powell

1. Roll call of states confirmed there was a quorum
2. Jonathan Thacher was assigned as parliamentarian
3. Opening remarks from EVP --Thanks to Twin Lakes Water Ski Club for hosting a great tournament.
4. The minutes from the Winter meeting were approved.
5. **Treasures' Report** – Marie Baker
6. **Junior Development Report** – TG Powell – The Junior Development party was a success with 90 people attending the party. They made enough money to cover the party with sales of raffle tickets and shirts. Thanks to everyone who supported them.
7. **Guidebook** – Jim Powell

Does the membership want the printed version, or could we do a .PDF file and put it online for members to view on their devices or print if they desire.

After some discussion Pro and Con the issue was tabled so that a survey of the membership could be done and then a decision could be made at the Fall meeting.

8. **Tow Boat** – Doug Robbins – The Nautique was approved to use, there will be a full committee meeting at Nationals.
9. **Drivers Committee** – Al Harris –If you need a clinic let Al Harris know. New materials are available, and the tests have been updated.
10. **Safety Committee** – Chief Safety - Karen Melnik is working on her certification to be Safety Instructor. Fifteen and 17-year-old skiers can be involved in the safety program and they can become a Junior Safety Coordinator. There are new materials available to use and read before you come to a clinic. If you have a medical background your certification can be fast-tracked. Let Karen know if you need a clinic.
11. **Ken Mead Award** - Jonathan Thacher. All former recipients of this award were asked to come forward and be recognized. This years' Ken Mead Award goes to: Bill Cirelli of Connecticut.

12. **Award Bios** – New bios and historical information was researched and presented by Jon Thacher. These narratives will be included on the AWSA.org website.

- a. **Jim Sylvester Award**
- b. **Tiny Richards Award**
- c. **Tommy Kelly Award**

13. **Nominating Committee**– Jean Giove is giving up this position and we are looking for a replacement.

Jim Powell was nominated to continue as EVP and was approved by acclamation.

**AWSA East Directors:**

Jon Thacher -3yr term expires in 2018. Jon Thacher recommended that the group support Doug Robbins to replace him as AWSA East Director. Doug Robbins was approved by acclamation.

Gary Noll (3 year term expires 2019)

Hutch Haines (3 year term expires 2020) – Cannot attend the 2018 Board Meeting at Nationals.

Pat Byrne (2 year term expires Jan 2020)

Appointment of an Alternate National Director. Jon Thacher will serve in 2018 and going forward alternates will be appointed prior to the Board Meeting as needed.

**IAC Nominations** – Ralph Hall is currently serving and would like to find a replacement. Doug Robbins was nominated and elected to serve.

**By-Law Committee** – Karen Melnick has agreed to serve on the By-Law Committee.

14. BOD Packet Highlights

Issue to take to Board Meeting -Wick Merchant There is a proposed change in W5. Change the age from 53 to 55. This rule change affects about 9 people in the region. Wick is proposing that the implementation take place over two years or the 9 people be “grandfathered in.”

15. PB Stickers on AWSA APP – Get the App on the AWSA website Kids can get PB stickers.

16. Team update, 2 teams will qualify for Nationals. Those two teams are: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

17. Ron Koenig has begun his Team Fundraising quest for 2019 teams, watch for the letter. Jon Thacher asked to be recognized and moved that AWSA East fund up to \$1,500 for International Airfare for Juniors who are skiing in the Jr. Worlds, Pan Am and Can Am tournaments. (Including this year). They must compete in the Eastern Region and ski Regionals. The motion passed.

18. **Ambassador program** with Ball of Spray at <https://where2waterski.com/>

19. **SafeSport:** all AWSA leadership should be certified. Easy, Informative, Important! Everyone should get the certification.

20. Regionals – who’s on deck? Jim asked the group to consider who should have the next regional tournament? It is possible to partner with the Region.

## 21. Awards

Alan Rossi Award – was presented by Bill Putnam to Bruce Epstein of Vermont.

Bill Baker read a letter from Jerry Stansbury to Region. Jerry is retiring from skiing this year. Jerry Stansbury was one of the founders of Lake Holly in Sparta, VA.

The group asked that the National Board give Jerry an Emeritus status, so she does not lose her ratings.

## 22. Adjourn for Awesome Banquet